

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 491

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Joe S. Ingram of Blount County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. Joe S. Ingram; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ingram was an exemplary public servant, a consummate professional, and a true pillar of his community who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ingram served with acumen and alacrity as president and managing partner of Ingram, Overholt and Bean, P.C., in which position he earned the respect of his peers and colleagues alike for the exemplary quality of his work. He was a founding member of Foothills Bank and Trust; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ingram was a 1966 graduate of Alcoa High School and a 1970 graduate of the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, he was a bastion of civic strength and pride who demonstrated his commitment to the betterment of his beloved community in so many ways. He served as past president, treasurer, and director of Alcoa Kiwanis; served as board member, treasurer, and campaign chairman of United Way Blount County; was president of Blount Memorial Hospital Foundation and of the Alcoa Schools Foundation; was treasurer and director of Boys Club of Blount County; was vice president for finance and fundraising chairman for Tuckaleechee District of Boys Scouts; and served as president and treasurer of Maryville-Alcoa Gideons; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ingram, a graduate of the first Leadership Blount class, received numerous accolades and awards for his work and benevolence, including the George P. Hixon Fellow Award in 2002 by the Tennessee Society of Certified Public Accountants in Tennessee, the Blount County Citizenship Award in 2003, the Community Leadership Award from

Leadership Blount in 2005, and the Silver Beaver Award, the highest honor bestowed on a volunteer, from the Boy Scouts of America in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ingram was an active and devout member of the Broadway Baptist Church, which he served faithfully as treasurer for over thirty years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ingram enjoyed sports of all kinds, however, running was a great joy to him and he was exceedingly proud of his participation in many marathons and half marathons in years past. He also loved NASCAR and had made trips to every race track on the circuit; he had done the Richard Petty driving experience in both Orlando, Florida, and Atlanta, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ingram was also deeply devoted to his family and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ingram enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of forty years, Teresa Sullivan Ingram, and was the proud father and father-in-law of Jennifer and Jason Wackerhagen and Meredith and Joshua Rigsby; and

WHEREAS, he will be sorely missed by his beloved granddaughter, Taylor Jo Wackerhagen, his brother and sister-in-law, Dr. John J. III and Patricia Ingram, his father- and mother-in law, Ralph and Betty Sullivan, his brother- and sister-in-law, Steve and Janet Sullivan, and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, great-nephews, and cousins; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ingram leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby express our sorrow and sadness at the death of Joe S. Ingram, reflecting fondly upon his bountiful life of purpose, integrity, and commitment to family and community. His wonderful personality, generous spirit, special smile, and wonderful sense of humor will be sorely missed by his family and the Blount community at large.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and condolences to Mr. Ingram's family and many friends and colleagues.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.